

**Amendments to the Specification:**

**In the Specification:**

*Before paragraph [0001], please insert*

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

*Please amend paragraph 0001 as follows:*

[0001] The invention is directed to a quick-action cylinder with a safety device to prevent blocking ~~according to the preamble of claim 1~~ including a mechanical lock for a center draw-in nipple in a center bore in a housing. In the locked position, one or more locking members are urged into contact with an exterior periphery of the draw-in nipple by a force of a spring assembly which is arranged in the housing in one or several spring compartments. The unlocked position of the draw-in nipple is achieved by applying pressure to a locking piston which operates to oppose the force of the spring assembly, wherein at least one relief bore which extends to a clearance space having a lower pressure is arranged in the spring compartment.

*Before paragraph [0020], please insert*

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

*Please amend paragraph 0021 as follows:*

[0021] The object of the invention is solved by ~~the characterizing features of claim 1.~~ providing a valve member or a pressure element which is arranged in the region of the relief bore and moved into an open position in the event of an overpressure in the spring compartment.

*Before paragraph [0040], please insert*

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

*Before paragraph [0045], please insert*

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

*Please delete the listing of Reference Symbols identified as [0091]-[0130].*